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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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DEVICE
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AL was cited during the prosecution of the priority application. An English-language Derwent Abstract is provided, and a full translation will be produced at the request of the Examiner. The relevance of reference AT was discussed in the Specification, and a translation of the relevant portion has been

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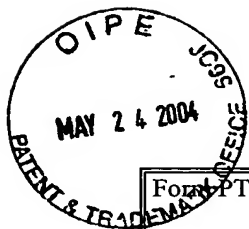
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